

STATUS OF APPLICATION PRIOR TO AMENDMENT

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 4, 11-22 and 24 were pending in the application.

Claim 22 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 16.

Claims 4 and 11-22 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 4, 11-22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 4, 11-22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention.

Claims 4, 11, 14-16, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seckerson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,807,675).

Claims 17-20 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Esposito (U.S. Patent No. 3,616,497).

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seckerson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,807,675) in view of Cirino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,164,604).

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Esposito (U.S. Patent No. 3,616,497).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

Extension of Time

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months up to and including June 9, 2010, to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$1,110 for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.

Request for Continued Examination

Applicant herewith submits a Request for Continued Examination. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge the appropriate fee of \$810 for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4913.